



**MARTIN LUTHER  
HIGH SCHOOL**

## Spartan Sentinel Weekly News

April 19, 2024

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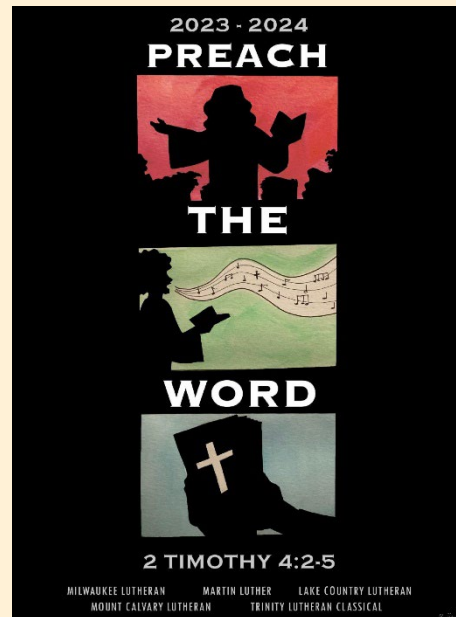
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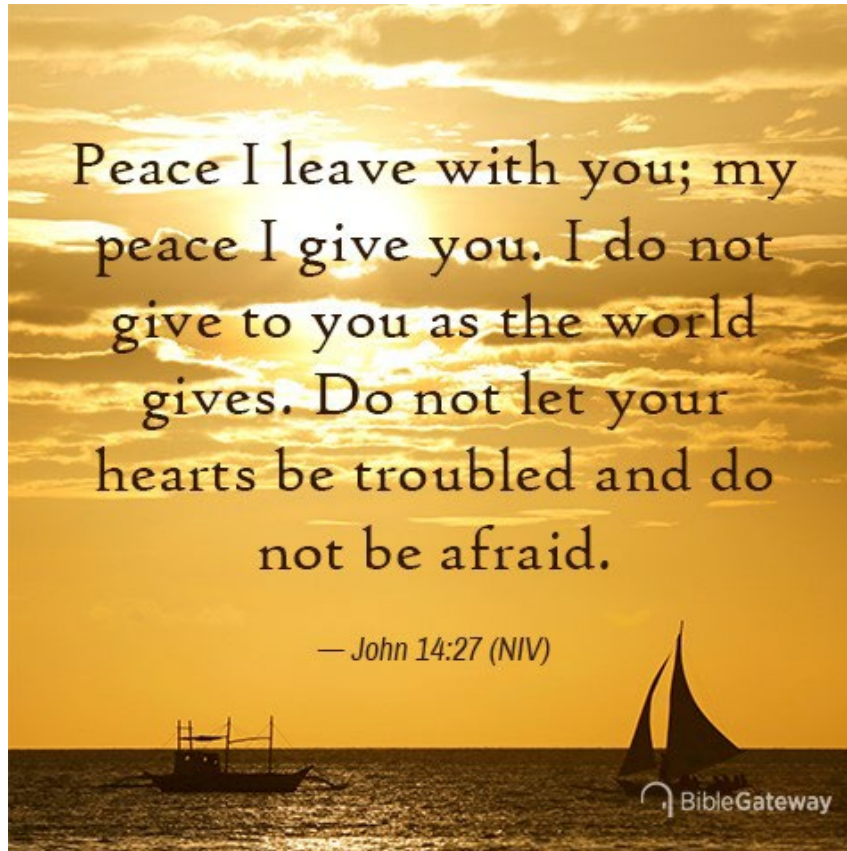
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**Principal's Message**  
*Left and Given!*

Peace I leave with you; my  
peace I give you. I do not  
give to you as the world  
gives. Do not let your  
hearts be troubled and do  
not be afraid.

— John 14:27 (NIV)



*Dr. Wayne E. Jensen*

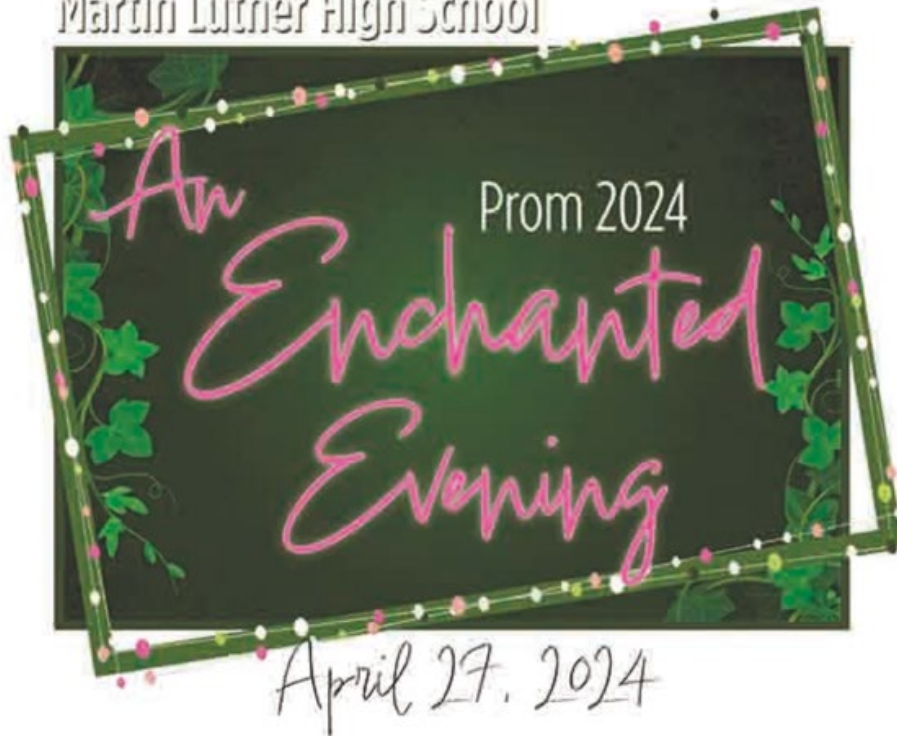
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NO  
SCHOOL  
ON → Friday

**Friday, April 26th** - Professional Development Day (Faculty) - No School

**Prom  
Coronation**

Martin Luther High School



Coronation 5:30 pm  
(ML Gymnasium - All friends and family welcome)

Dinner & Dance 7-11 pm  
(Muskego Lakes Country Club)

Friday, April 12th was the last day for ticket sales. **No late tickets will be sold** due to contractual agreements with the venue. All guests need their own ticket and completed guest pass. Guest passes are due by **Monday, April 22nd**. No late passes will be accepted.

**Come join us for the most  
hilarious night on campus!**

Martin Luther High School's Student Council presents "Mr. Student Body," our spin on the Miss America Contest. Join us on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Worship Fine Arts Center. Come see Seniors: Gannon Johnson, Carter Tice, and Solomon James as they compete for the title of "Mr. Student Body." Categories include Formalwear, Beachwear, Lip-Sync, Interview and Talent. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the

night of the event. General Admission Tickets are \$5 or \$10 for a VIP Runway and Center Sections. Do not miss out on this amazing event!

# MR STUDENT BODY

Presented by Martin Luther Student Council &

**Our Senior Guys**



**WHEN**  
Wednesday, May 8 @ 7:30 PM

**WHERE**  
ML's Worship Fine Arts Center

**TICKET INFO**  
\$10 Runway Seating  
\$5 General Seating  
Tickets will only be available at the door

**FEATURING**  
Formalwear • Lip Sync Battle • Talent • Beach Wear • Interview

**Gannon  
Johnson**

**Carter  
Tice**

**Solomon  
James**



- Friday, May 17th - Student Help Day (8:00AM-Noon)

- **Tuesday, May 21st; Wednesday, May 22nd; Thursday, May 23rd** - Final Exams
- **Friday, May 24th** - Final Exams Make Up Day & Last Day of Semester 2
- **Friday, May 24th** - Graduation (6:30PM)

Here is the link for the [2024-2025 Academic Calendar](#)

## Awards Chapel and Senior Chapel

- **Wednesday, May 15th** - Awards Chapel 8:00 A.M., Parents will receive an invitation if their student is receiving an award.
- **Thursday, May 16th** - Senior Chapel 9:30 A.M., Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

## ATTENTION PARENTS: 2024 -2025 Transportation Reimbursement Form

Martin Luther HS students benefit from Wisconsin law, requiring bus service reimbursement for private and parochial school students in districts that provide bus service to public schools.

By May 15, 2024, our school office must submit a list of students to the school districts who provide transportation reimbursement. Once each school district receives the student list, families will receive a transportation contract to sign and return. For questions, please contact Shari Gastrow at [sgastrow@martinlutherhs.org](mailto:sgastrow@martinlutherhs.org) or 421-4000, ext. 201.

**CITY OF MILWAUKEE RESIDENTS:** Transportation reimbursement is **NOT** offered by the Milwaukee Public School District. The Milwaukee County Transit System provides regularly scheduled routes to Southridge Mall and Walmart. Students who have access to the city bus service will have transportation available from early morning until late at night.

Please complete the form below and email it to [sgastrow@martinlutherhs.org](mailto:sgastrow@martinlutherhs.org) , or have your student return it to the school office by Friday, May 3rd. Copies of this form are available in the school office for students to take home. Thank you!

[Public School Districts Transportation Reimbursement Form](#)

## This Week's Digital Discipleship

As our Fine Arts Department has led chapels throughout the week, our Digital Discipleship follow has been using art to share devotional thoughts with a worldwide audience on his Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube accounts. Anthony Gurrola (@anthonygurrola; @anthonysgurrola) is an author and artist who creates artwork and art series to coincide with insights found in the Word of God. Be sure to give this self titled "visual worshiper" a follow!



### **Chad Janetzke**

Theology Department Chair  
Baseball Head Coach  
[cjanetzke@martinlutherhs.org](mailto:cjanetzke@martinlutherhs.org)

**You are invited...**  
**Mr. Nickel's Retirement Party**

Please join the Spartan family to celebrate the ending of an era. After 37 years, Scott Nickel will pen, "The End", to a distinguished career at Martin Luther High School. You are welcome to join us in the Student Center on **Monday, May 20 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm**. The format is open house style, and food and drink will be provided. Whether you are an alum, former colleague or parent, or know Scott currently, he's certainly touched your life with one of his famous stories, so please bring a card and share your favorite memory of Mr. Nickel. Notecards will be available in case you forget.



## Attention Parents of Spring Athletes

Soda donations are needed for the Spartan Athletic Club Concessions for all home sporting events. Soda donations can be dropped off at the main office, or brought to the concession stand on the night of a home event for varsity baseball or varsity soccer.

- Coke – **Golf**
- Pepsi – **Boys Track**
- Sprite – **Girls Track**
- Mountain Dew – **JV Baseball**
- Diet Coke – **Varsity Baseball**
- Diet Mountain Dew – **Tennis**
- Brisk Tea – **Soccer**
- Crush - **Softball**

**\*\* Please do NOT purchase '0 sugar' varieties.**

Thank you for your donations!

**Spartan Athletic Club**



## Athletic Teams and Individual Photos





Team and individual portraits from your picture day are now available to view and order online. To order photos from your picture day:

1. Go to: <https://www.vipis.com/group/ca6cf498/martin-luther-high-school>
2. Select "View now" on the green Sports Team & Individual tile
3. Enter your information in the search fields
4. Select the school year (July 1st to June 30th) during which your photos were taken and click "search"
5. Follow the instructions to select your package or products and choose your background for your individual photos if applicable
6. You will receive a confirmation email

If you can't find your team, it may have been photographed at a later date. You will receive another email when new images are posted, or you can check back in a few days.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [support@vipis.com](mailto:support@vipis.com) We're happy to help!

## Spartanettes Cheer & Dance Team Tryout Information



# NEW YEAR NEW TEAM!

## TRYOUT FOR THE SPARTANETTES CHEER & DANCE TEAM

**LOOKING FOR COMMITTED, PASSIONATE  
AND EASY GOING TEAM MEMBERS!**

**MUST ATTEND INFORMATION MEETING WITH A PARENT/GUARDIAN**

### T R Y O U T P R A C T I C E

MON. JULY 22 AND TUES. JULY 23: 3:00-6:00PM

TRYOUTS WED. JULY 24: 3:00-6:00PM

RESULTS EMAILED WED. JULY 24 BETWEEN 9:00-10:00PM

PRACTICE AND CAMPS: JULY 25,26,27,28,29,30

AUG. 5,6,7,8,9,12,13,14,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,26,27,28,29,30

NO CAMP OR PRACTICE CAN BE MISSED



PLEASE SCAN QR CODE TO SIGN UP!  
QUESTIONS??? EMAIL: MYERSCHERISE@GMAIL.COM

**2024 Summer Programs  
Registration is Open!**

MARTIN LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL

# SUMMER PROGRAMS



# 2024

Join the Martin Luther Spartans this summer  
with any of these programs:

**FINE ARTS**

**BASKETBALL**

**SPEED & STRENGTH**

**FOOTBALL**

**TENNIS**

**CHEER & DANCE**

**SOCCER**

**VOLLEYBALL**

**WRESTLING**



Registration now open!



## TO REGISTER...

[Summer Programs Registration - Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee \(rschooltoday.com\)](https://rschooltoday.com)

## ML Safety and Security Updates

Greetings in the name of Christ!

On behalf of Martin Luther, I want to communicate some proactive updates and improvements to increase school safety and security.

At ML, offering everyone a safe and secure environment is a top priority, and we aim to remain at the forefront of security best practices with your student in mind. As such, we have various safety measures already in place, like:

- Regular practice safety drills
- Campus-wide canine searches
- Alarm-connected doors at entrances
- Security cameras across campus
- Visitor background checks in the main office upon arrival
- ML Security officers present throughout the day

- A dedicated School Resource Officer (SRO) from the Greendale Police Department

In short, we have taken and will continue to take intentional, proactive, and meaningful steps to make ML a safe and secure place for students, staff members, families, and guests.

We continue to reflect upon, update, and enforce our policies and procedures. As part of this ongoing safety commitment, ML will implement the EVOLV weapons detection system this spring. We have successfully used this system at our high-attendance events and will operate it multiple days a week for all visitors. Like those used at concerts and sporting events, the EVOLV system will provide an additional layer of safety. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we perfect our implementation, intending to use it daily starting next school year.

We deeply value your understanding, patience, and partnership in our ongoing efforts to improve school safety. Our community's vigilance and cooperation are crucial in maintaining a safe environment for all. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community!

If you have any questions or need further clarification on these important matters, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. I am here to ensure you are fully informed and comfortable with our safety measures.

Please also continue to pray for our school ministry and all our partner schools. May the Lord bless them with safe and welcoming spaces where young people can thrive, learn, and grow in life and faith in Jesus Christ!

Christ's peace,  
Dr. Wayne E. Jensen



Regular attendance at school is essential for successful earning of credits. The school day has priority over outside activities. We understand that absences happen and are sometimes unavoidable. When a student misses school, it puts the student and the teacher in a difficult situation. Education takes place in the classroom and cannot always be made up outside of the classroom.

As we are now halfway through the second semester, this a reminder that course credit may be forfeited for excessive absences, excused or unexcused. You may have received communication from a teacher regarding this policy. Below is the policy as stated in the handbook on page 12.

### **5.1 THE ATTENDANCE POLICY IS AS FOLLOWS:**

A. Course credit may be forfeited on the seventeenth period of absence in a semester course.

Please use Skyward to check your student's attendance. If your student will be absent, please use the following procedures for notifying the front office.

### **5.2 PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW WHEN AN ABSENCE OCCURS:**

A. If a student must miss a school day for an illness or will be arriving later in the morning because of an appointment, please remember: On the day of the absence, parents/emergency contacts should call the school office by 9:00 AM.

B. If a student needs to leave school during the day for any reason, parents/emergency contacts **ONLY** are to send a note with the student or call the office that morning. Last minute calls may result in a delayed dismissal. Students are then given a pass to leave.

C. If a student will be out of school for an extended time, they need to pick up a Pre-Planned Absence Form from the office. This form must be signed by the parents, all of the student's teachers, guidance counselor and the principal. Also, a note should be sent to the office.

D. In some cases, a doctor's statement may be required before students are permitted to return to class. This is particularly true in the event of communicable diseases or prolonged absences. The office will notify parents when this requirement is necessary.

E. Participants must be in attendance for HALF of the school day to participate in practice or contests on that day. If a personal absence occurs for any part of the day, school administration must excuse the absence to allow a student to participate in a practice or contest.

F. All absences must be accounted for by the home.

G. Parents who leave students under the supervision of another caretaker while out of town, must leave the following information with the school: - duration of their absence.  
- name and phone number of person assuming responsibility for the student

**Lutheran Counseling and Family Services (LCFS) is providing  
mental health counseling once a week here at SCHOOL!**

Unsure when you should seek therapy services for your child? Here are just a few signs it may be time to seek counseling:

- Your child may be isolating, withdrawing
- Your child may not seem interested in things they once were interested in or they seem to have low energy
- They spend all their time on devices and/or video games and are not wanting to spend time with family or friends or the activities they enjoy
- They may have had a sudden change or gradual change in behavior
- They may not want to hang out with friends like they used to
- Their grades are declining
- You may receive calls home from school due to their behavior
- They seem more on edge, irritable, like something is constantly bothering them
- They have recently lost a loved one or pet
- They had a serious incident happen to them or someone they love

If you are considering whether counseling is right for your child, LCFS's counselor Tina Popp can meet with you to answer any questions you may have. Please ask Mrs. Hammerling, [hammerling@martinlutherhs.org](mailto:hammerling@martinlutherhs.org) for a packet.

**Text Messaging Service for  
Parents/Guardians**

## Parents and Guardians

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service\* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!



Just send  
“Y” or “Yes”  
to 67587

**i** Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a “text message”. Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as “short code” texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

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